

Integrated Pest Management in Residential Landscapes

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Objectives

- What is IPM?
- Landscape ecology and pest management
- Information resources

Components of an IPM Program

1. Develop an IPM policy
2. Designate pest management roles
3. Establish IPM objectives
4. Develop a knowledge base
5. Develop and implement a monitoring protocol
6. Decision-making guidelines
7. Control tactics / management strategies
8. Evaluation

IPM Policy

- Document that demonstrates the commitment of the company / organization
 - Will vary with managed system (ex. public gardens, production nursery, homeowner association)
 - Demonstrates or clarifies administrators / owners are supporting the IPM program
- Provides a guide for development of the IPM program
 - What areas are under IPM; what types of chemicals / control tactics can or can not be used; notification, who will be involved; what are the expectations or goals

Designate Pest Management Roles

- Identify roles of staff relating to pest management
 - Pest manager (ex. scouting, recommendations)
 - Administrators (decision making)
 - General staff (implementation, record keeping)
- Develop communication mechanisms
- Educate and train staff relating to their roles

Establish IPM Objectives

- Will vary from site to site, over time
 - Greens vs fairways vs roughs
 - Level a, level b, level c athletic fields
 - Home community entry way vs green space
- Identify needs of clientele or management
- Be realistic

Develop a Knowledge Base

Determine Site History

- Previous plantings
- Previous problems / treatments
- Previous cultural practices
- Environmental conditions
- Site conditions

Develop a Knowledge Base

Develop a Plant Inventory

- A list or map (GPS) of all plants and structures on property
- Identify key plants, locations, pests

Why Monitor?

- Identify pests, plant damage, and beneficials
- Pinpoint insects in time and space
- Time controls for maximum effectiveness
- Minimize adverse effects on beneficial organisms

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IPM Control Tactics

Cultural or sanitation practices

Mechanical or physical controls

Biological controls

Chemical controls



Pests outbreak more frequently in managed than natural ecosystems

Goal

- Create and maintain **sustainable** urban landscapes



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Urban Landscapes

- Unique features and properties relative to natural and other managed systems
- Features include contrived plant communities resulting from:
 - widespread use of exotic plants, relative to natives
 - impervious surfaces (ex. hardscapes)
 - simplified designs (vegetation diversity and complexity)
 - common maintenance practices such as inputs of fertilizers, water, and pesticides
- Properties of urban landscapes **create opportunities** for insects and mites to increase. These include changes in:
 - host plant quality and accessibility (bottom-up factors)
 - **natural enemy abundance and diversity** (top-down factors)
 - microhabitats including creation of heat islands
 - matrixes that disrupt movement and colonization of herbivores and natural enemies



Raupp, Shrewsbury, & Herms. 2010. Ecology of herbivorous arthropods in urban landscapes. Annual Review of Entomology, 55: 19-38.



Euonymus scale on Euonymus

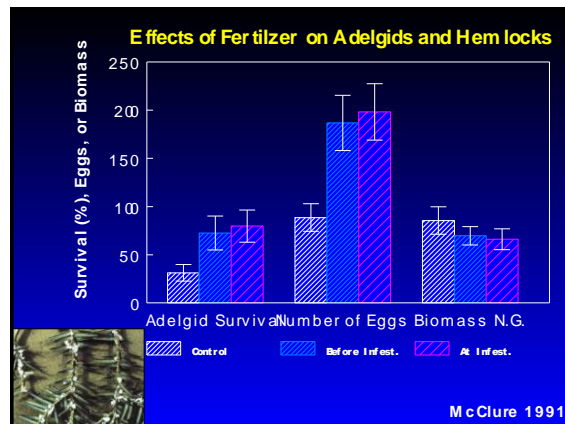


Hawthorn lace bug on cotoneaster



Banded Ash Clearwing Borer





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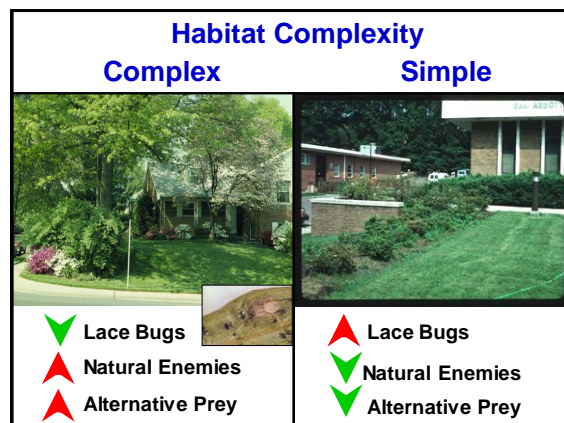
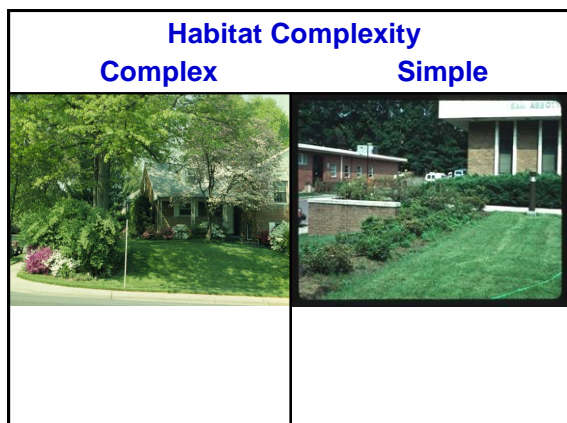
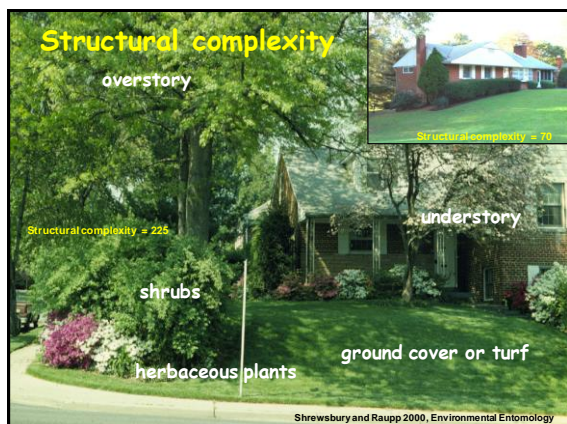
- Create and maintain sustainable urban ecosystems
- Avoid practices that favor herbivores
- Restore natural enemy - herbivore dynamics and the ecosystem service of biological control

Landscape biodiversity is important!

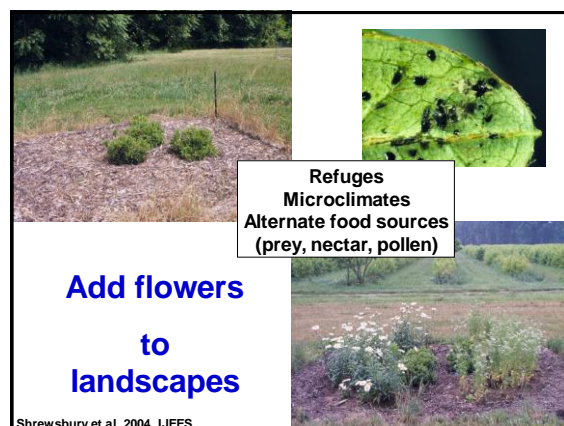
Plant Diversity can be estimated different ways

- **Species richness** - number of plant species
- **Structural complexity** - vegetation found in a three dimensional space





Is it possible to design or create landscapes with increased diversity (complexity and richness) and reduce pest abundance?



Shasta Daisy

- Warm season bloomer
- Large floral architecture



Coriander

- Cool season bloomer
- Small floral architecture

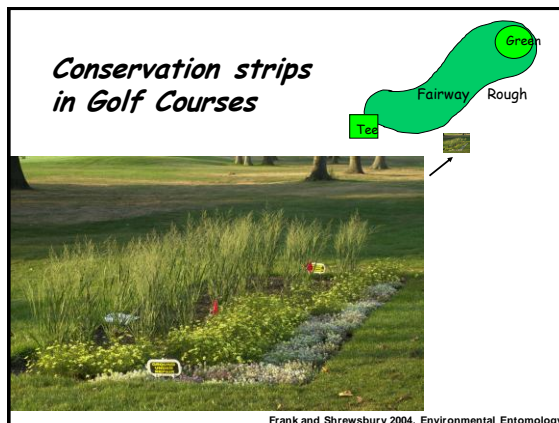


Conclusions:

Azaleas plots with flowers have:

- greater abundance of alternative prey
- greater abundance of natural enemies
- lower survival of azalea lace bug

Conservation strips in Golf Courses



Frank and Shrewsbury 2004, Environmental Entomology

Enhance Beneficials by Providing Nectar and Pollen Sources

- Carrot family (Umbelliferae)
 - caraway, dill, fennel, coriander, parsley
- Mint family (Labiatae)
 - catnip, hyssop, lemon balm
- Rosemary, thyme, other herbs
- Daisy family (Compositae)
 - coneflower, daisies, yarrow
- Cover crops – use as garden borders
 - alfalfa, buckwheat, clover



• From: Organic Gardeners Handbook of Natural Insect and Disease Control. 1992. Rodale Press, Emmaus, PA.

Others: Sweet alyssum, phacelia, sunflower

Publication: *Farmscaping to Enhance Biological Control*

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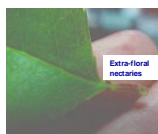
Shrubs & Trees

(Permanent habitat, tree layers)

Blackberry (*Rubus*)
 Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)
 Dogwood (*Cornus*)
 Raspberry (*Rubus*)
 Fruit trees (apple,
 cherry, plum)
 Sumac (*Rhus*)
 Juneberry (*Amelanchier*)
 Willows (*Salix*)



Amelanchier



Black cherry

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Flowers & Herbs

Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*)
 Goldenrod (*Solidago*)
 Alsike clover (*Trifolium hybridum*)
 Goldfields (*Lasthenia chrysostoma*)
 Asters (*Aster*)
 Hollyhock (*Alcea rosea*) (single varieties)
 Beard tongue (*Penstemon*)
 Impatiens (*Impatiens*)
 Bee balm (*Monarda*)
 Milkvetch (*Astragalus*)
 Birds-foot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*)
 Milkweed (*Asclepias*)
 Borage (*Borago officinalis*)
 Mints (*Mentha*, *Salvia*)
 Buttercup (*Ranunculus*)
 Marjoram (*Origanum*)
 Calendula (*Calendula*) (single varieties)
 Nasturtiums (*Tropaeolum*)



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Flowers & Herbs

Coneflower (*Echinacea*)
 Oilseed rape (*Brassica napus*)
 Chrysanthemum (*Dendranthema*)
 Pincushion (*Chaenactis*)
 Crown-beard (*Verbesina*)
 Red clover (*Trifolium pratense*)
 Daisies Scorpion weed (*Phacelia*)
 Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*)
 Sunflowers (*Helianthus*)
 Evening primrose (*Oenothera*)
 Tickseed (*Coreopsis*)
 Forget-me-not (*Myosotis*)
 Wild mustard (*Brassica*)
 Fuchsia (*Fuchsia*)
 Vervain (*Verbena*)
 Gilia (*Gilia*)
 Wild buckwheat (*Eriogonum*)
 Globe mallow (*Sphaeralcea*)



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MD Native plant species tested to determine their attractiveness to natural enemies

Common name	Scientific name	Family
Common milkweed	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Asclepiadaceae
Butterfly weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Asclepiadaceae
Threadleaf coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	Asteraceae *
Hyssopleaf thoroughwort	<i>Eupatorium hyssopifolium</i>	Asteraceae *
Spotted horsemint	<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Lamiaceae *
Narrowleaf mountain mint	<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	Lamiaceae *
Skullcap	<i>Scutellaria integrifolia</i>	Lamiaceae
Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Poaceae
Indiangrass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Poaceae
Little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Poaceae

Frank, Shrewsbury, & Esiekpe, 2008 Environmental Entomology (37:2)

MD Native Beneficial Insectary Plants



Coreopsis verticillata



Pycnanthemum tenuifolium



Eupatorium hyssopifolium



Monarda punctata

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MI Native Beneficial Insectary Plants

Eupatorium perfoliatum L.

Monarda punctata L.

Silphium perfoliatum L.

Potentilla fruticosa auct. non L.

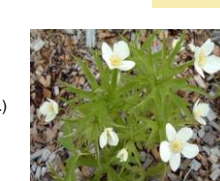
Coreopsis lanceolata L.

Spiraea alba Duroi

Agastache nepetoides (L.)
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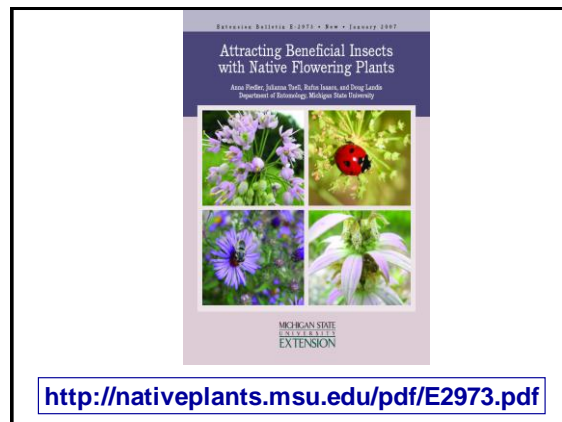
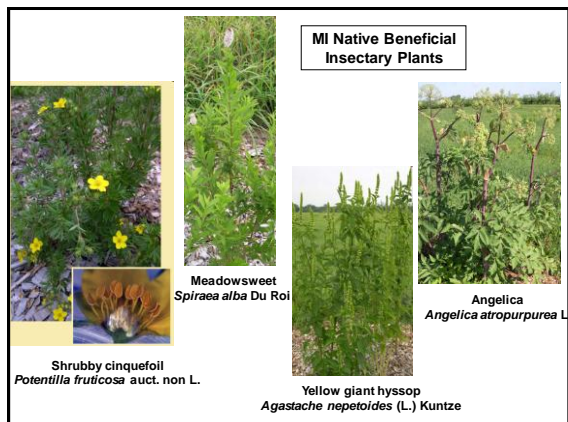
Anemone canadensis L.

Angelica atropurpurea L.



Canada anemone
Anemone canadensis L.

<http://nativeplants.msu.edu>

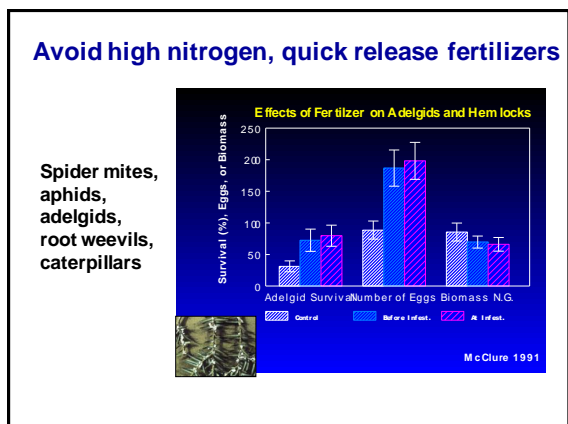


Habitat Manipulation - Recommendations:

- **Increase structural complexity**
 - More plants at different vegetational strata, especially tree and ground cover layers
- **Increase biodiversity**
 - More plant species, families
- **Add flowers**
 - vary architectural complexity
 - provide season long bloom
- **Select plants based on proven attractiveness and natural enemies they attract**
- **To provide:**
 - a community of plant species that attracts diverse natural enemy taxa and provides habitat and nectar and pollen throughout the season

Avoid activities that are harmful to natural enemies

- **Choose pesticides wisely!**
 - Low toxicity, selective, short residual activity, IGR
 - **EPA Reduced Risk Pesticides**
- **Integrate alternative control measures**
 - Cultural, mechanical, or biological tactics



Commercially Available Nematodes

Nematode

S. carpocasae

S. glaseri

S. riobravisi

S. scapterisci

S. feltiae

H. bacteriophora

H. megidis

Insect (major markets)

Caterpillars (turf, clearwings)

White grubs (turf)

Mole crickets (turf), Citrus weevils (citrus)

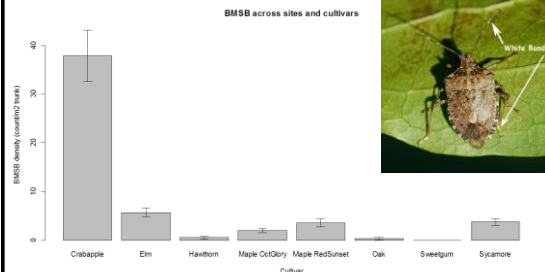
Mole crickets (turf)

Fungus gnats (ornamentals, mushrooms)

White grubs (turf), root weevils (ornamentals, citrus, berries)



Management - resistant plants



Develop BMSB resistant landscapes, reduce overwintering populations in structures

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American Elms - Low diversity in a "managed system"

Suitable Host - American Elm

Pathogen -DED, *Ophiostoma ulmi*

Vector - Smaller European Elm Bark Beetle



40 Million Elm Trees Killed by DED Since 1930

What lesson did we learn from DED?



Exotic Pests...



Asian long-horned beetle



Emerald Ash Borer

Asian Longhorned Beetle Hosts:

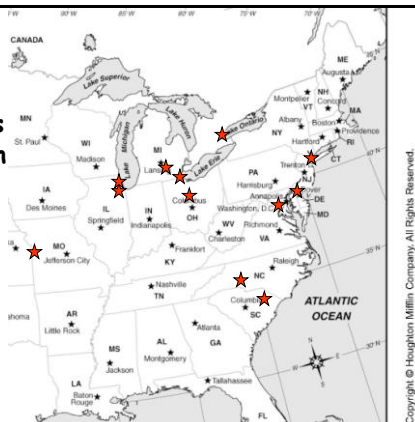
Acer, Aesculus, Albizzia, Alnus, Betula, Elaeagnus, Fraxinus, Hibiscus, Malus, Platanus, Populus, Prunus, Pyrus, Robinia, Salix, Sophora, Tilia, and Ulmus

Emerald Ash Borer Hosts:

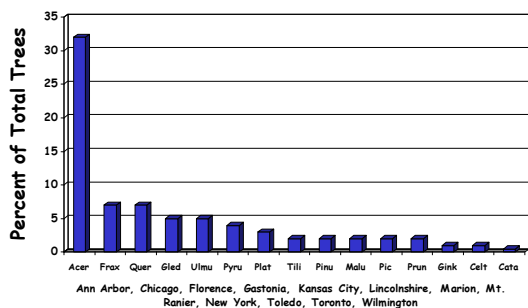
Fraxinus (ash)

Ulmus, Juglans, Pterocarya (not in U.S.)

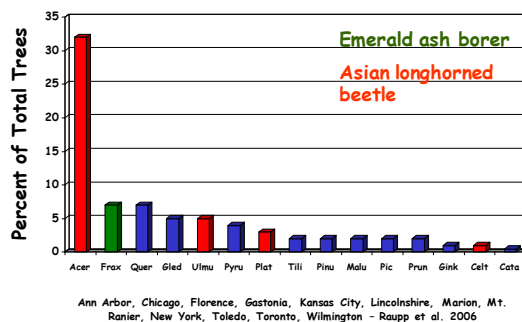
How diverse is the urban forest in eastern North America?



Diversity Dilemma
Street Tree Diversity in Eastern North America



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How Will EAB Impact Maryland?

- Ash is the most common tree in Baltimore 293,000 trees, 10.4% of trees total population
- Ash accounts for 5,982,000 - 6,591,000 trees in the Baltimore- metro area
- Ash trees are not the most important or prevalent trees in the Baltimore-Washington corridor - they account for > 5% of saplings and 5% of trees

Galvin citing DNR,MDA, and USDA sources 2003

Conclusions

- Cities face the loss or need for insecticide protection of 29% to 70% of their street trees
- The average percentage of trees at risk was 49.7% (4.0% s.e.)
- No more *Acer* or *Fraxinus*
- Diversify now or face catastrophic loss

Raup et al. 2006

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